

Responsibilities of membership: There should be explicit descriptions of the responsibilities of all boards, advisory groups, subcommittees, and of individual members, including such items as the authority of substitute members, attendance at meetings, and expectations of the group for individual members to communicate information among themselves and from their home organizations.

Tools for managing conflicts productively: The A/P Management Conference should recognize the potential contribution of dispute resolution techniques to CCMP development and implementation, and should provide training in teamwork and dispute resolution techniques to all interested persons.

Public Involvement

The role of nongovernmental organizations: The A/P Management Conference should encourage nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) to play a major role in CCMP implementation and ensure that they have the necessary resources and funding to fulfill these responsibilities.

Citizen oversight of management actions: The A/P Management Conference should continue to actively involve the public and invite their participation in creating innovative solutions to difficult problems. For example, when developing and implementing corrective measures for environmental problems, consideration should be given to providing incentives for compliance with management programs, as well as to providing punitive measures of enforcement.

Materials to explain programs and encourage public support: To increase and sustain public participation during CCMP implementation, the A/P Management Conference should support efforts and develop materials to inform local communities and other affected parties about the decision making process for the estuary, as it pertains to land use and water quality and the opportunity for public involvement.

Evaluation: The A/P Management Conference should incorporate methods to review plan implementation in the CCMP. This should include mechanisms for reassessing the technical foundations of the Plan, the progress related to the Plan's goals, the need to add, modify, or delete goals, and the efficiency of implementation. Parties representing all interests should be involved in this process.

SELECTION OF PROGRAMS

Information on seventy-five programs was compiled and presented. The information is summarized in a large table in Appendix 1. The A/P program managers and selected representatives of the Management Conference reviewed this survey of programs and selected nineteen programs for detailed review. These programs address topics of current concern to the A/P Management Conference. Since this project is specifically tailored to the current needs of the A/P Management Conference, the choice of the nineteen programs was naturally influenced by the unique political environment and outstanding issues faced by the State of North Carolina and the Management Conference.